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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97, the attention of the Examiner is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents which are not US patent documents are attached. Neither this Statement nor the listing of these documents on Form PTO-1449 is an admission that these documents are prior art as to the Applicants or a representation that a search has been made or that no more pertinent documents exist.

The Applicants' representative certifies that the listed documents were cited in a communication from the European Patent

Office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months before the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the European Search Report is attached as an explanation of the relevance of the documents.

The Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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